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REMARKS

The above amendments attend to all outstanding issues in the Requirement for Restriction mailed June 29, 2006. Claims 1-54 are pending in the application, with claims 17-23, 26 and 45-49 considered withdrawn.

Claims 1, 42-44 and 54 have been amended in accordance with species elections made herein. Claim 38 has been amended to recite a reducing agent ranging from 0.01% to 5% by weight of the grain protein. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, at p. 6, [0025]. Claim 45 has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner is requiring restriction to one of two primary species defined as:

A. Claims 1-16, 24, 25 and 27-54, drawn to a resin formulation containing hydrolyzed protein or hydrolyzed protein derivatives; and

B. Claims 1, 17-23 and 26-54, drawn to a resin formulation containing hydrolyzed protein/hydrolyzed protein derivative-emulsifier complexes.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for election of a primary species, Applicants elect the Group A claims 1-16, 24, 25 and 27-54.

The Examiner is further requiring restriction to one of six secondary species, relating to claims 42-53, defined as:

i. Claims 42-44 and 50-53, drawn to a resin formulation containing a filler as a secondary ingredient;

ii. Claims 42 and 45, drawn to a resin formulation containing a fiber as a secondary ingredient;

iii. Claims 42 and 46, drawn to a resin formulation containing a pigment as a secondary ingredient;

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- iv. Claims 42 and 47, drawn to a resin formulation containing a coloring agent as a secondary ingredient;
- v. Claims 42 and 48, drawn to a resin formulation containing foaming agents as a secondary ingredient; and
- vi. Claims 42 and 49, drawn to a resin formulation containing special effect ingredients as a secondary ingredient.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for election of a secondary species, Applicants elect the Group i claims 42-44 and 50-53.

Claims 1-16, 24, 25 and 27-44 and 50-54 are readable upon a resin formulation containing hydrolyzed protein or hydrolyzed protein derivatives, that may have a filler as a secondary ingredient (i.e., Group A(i)).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the reminder that inventorship must be consistent with the claims presented, and that cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention can sometimes necessitate a change in inventorship. In the present case, the inventorship remains unchanged.

Given the above election, Applicants have addressed all issues raised in the Office Action dated June 29, 2006. If any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Authorization to charge fees associated with a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith. If any additional fee is deemed necessary in connection with this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 12-0600.

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